

## CLAIMS

1. A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:

5 a motor for driving a wheel of the vehicle;  
a first suspension for supporting the wheel of  
the vehicle with respect to a vehicle body;  
a second suspension for elastically supporting  
the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and  
10 a power transferring mechanism for transferring  
power from the motor to the wheel while permitting  
relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel.

2. The suspension system as claimed in claim 1,  
15 wherein the second suspension includes a spring element  
and a damper element.

3. The suspension system as claimed in claim 1  
or 2, wherein a damper element of the first suspension and  
20 the damper element of the second suspension are  
interconnected via a fluid passage such that the motor and  
the wheel move in opposite phases.

4. The suspension system as claimed in claim 1,  
25 wherein damper elements of the second suspensions on the  
both sides of the vehicle are interconnected via a fluid  
passage.

5. A suspension system for a vehicle,  
30 comprising:

a motor for driving a wheel of the vehicle;  
a first suspension for supporting the motor with  
respect to a vehicle body such that the motor can move in

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up-and-down directions with respect to the vehicle body;  
a second suspension for supporting the wheel  
with respect to the motor such that the wheel can move in  
up-and-down directions with respect the motor; and  
5 a power transferring mechanism for transferring  
power from the motor to the wheel while permitting  
relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel.

10 6. The suspension system as claimed in claim 5,  
wherein the first suspension includes a spring element and  
a damper element and the second suspension includes  
another spring element and another damper element.

15 7. The suspension system as claimed in claim 5,  
wherein the first suspension includes a leaf spring.

## AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1, 3, 4 and 5, amended  
other claims 2, 6 and 7 remain unchanged (3 pages)]

1. (amended) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:

5 a motor that is disposed inboard with respect to a knuckle for driving the wheel;

a first suspension that is provided between the wheel and a vehicle body for elastically supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to the vehicle body;

10 a second suspension that is provided between the motor and a vehicle body for elastically supporting the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and

15 a power transferring mechanism that is provided between a rotating shaft of the motor and a wheel shaft of the wheel for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel.

2. The suspension system as claimed in claim 1, 20 wherein the second suspension includes a spring element and a damper element.

3. (amended) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:

25 a motor for driving a wheel of the vehicle;

a first suspension for supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to a vehicle body;

a second suspension for elastically supporting the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and

30 a power transferring mechanism for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel, wherein a damper element of the first suspension and a

damper element of the second suspension are interconnected via a fluid passage such that the motor and the wheel move in opposite phases.

5           4. (amended) A suspension system for a vehicle, comprising:

              a motor for driving a wheel of the vehicle;

              a first suspension for supporting the wheel of the vehicle with respect to a vehicle body;

10           a second suspension for elastically supporting the motor with respect to the vehicle body; and

              a power transferring mechanism for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel, 15 wherein damper elements of the second suspensions on the both sides of the vehicle are interconnected via a fluid passage.

5. (amended) A suspension system for a vehicle, 20 comprising:

              a motor that is disposed inboard with respect to a knuckle for driving the wheel;

              a first suspension that is provided between the motor and a vehicle body for supporting the motor with 25 respect to the vehicle body such that the motor can move in up-and-down directions with respect to the vehicle body;

              a second suspension that is provided between the wheel and the motor for supporting the wheel with respect 30 to the motor such that the wheel can move in up-and-down directions with respect to the motor; and

              a power transferring mechanism that is provided between a rotating shaft of the motor and a wheel shaft of

the wheel for transferring power from the motor to the wheel while permitting relative movement of the motor with respect to the wheel.

5           6. The suspension system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first suspension includes a spring element and a damper element and the second suspension includes another spring element and another damper element.

10           7. The suspension system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first suspension includes a leaf spring.